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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David E. Huang on February 17, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

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Substitute Abstract

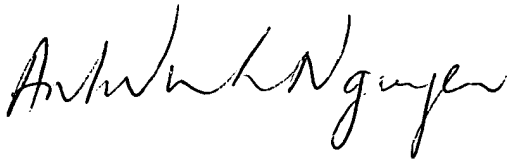
Improved color management techniques use sample identifiers that define sample color areas having core areas and buffer areas adjacent the core areas. The core area defined by each sample identifier includes a unique set of colors. However, the buffer area defined by each sample identifier is a same common color (e.g., white). Sample color areas can be displayed or outputted (e.g., printed) adjacent to each other to form a region of sample color areas (e.g., a color image, a uniform region of color, etc.). Within such an arrangement, the buffer areas limit any ink bleed between the core areas of the sample color areas thus minimizing, or altogether avoiding, spectral interaction between inks of different core areas. This enables greater color control and consistency, as well as providing a large color gamut.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Madeleine AV Nguyen whose telephone number is 703 305-4860. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

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ABSTRACT

Improved color management techniques use sample identifiers that define sample color areas having core areas and buffer areas adjacent the core areas. The core area defined by each sample identifier includes a unique set of colors. However, the buffer area defined by each sample identifier is a same common color (e.g., white). Sample color areas can be displayed or outputted (e.g., printed) adjacent to each other to form a region of sample color areas (e.g., a color image, a uniform region of color, etc.). Within such an arrangement, the buffer areas limit any ink bleed between the core areas of the sample color areas thus minimizing, or altogether avoiding, spectral interaction between inks of different core areas. This enables greater color control and consistency, as well as providing a large color gamut.

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